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SUBJ: TOGOLESE APPROVAL OF PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION EFFORTS

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1. EMBOFF, IN CALL ON KOUANVI (VICTOR) TIGOU, DIRECTOR POLITICAL DIVISION, FONMIN (WHO IS EXPECTED SHORTLY TO BECOME FONMIN SEC GEN - NUMBER 2 POSITION), EXPRESSED US SATISFACTION WITH PORTUGAL'S DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND US HOPES THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO UNCONSTRUCTIVE ATTACKS OR RESOLUTIONS IN 29TH UNGA (AS PER PARA 3 (B) AND (C), REFTEL (A)).

2. TIGOU RESPONDED FIRMLY THAT "WE APPROVE STRONGLY POSITION TAKEN BY PORTUGAL ON DECOLONIZATION" AND EXPRESSED HIS AGREEMENT WITH US VIEW AND HIS OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTIONS OR ACTIONS THAT WOULD DISTURB PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS. HE SAID FONMIN SOARES' SPEECH TO UN "HAD BEEN VERY WELL RECEIVED BY SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES AND SOME ARE NOW CONSIDERING RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL." IN ANSWER TO DIRECT QUESTION WHETHER TOGO WAS CONSIDERING RELATIONS, TIGOU SAID "DECISION HAS AS YET NOT BEEN TAKEN, BUT THE TENDENCY (TO DO SO) IS MORE AND MORE FAVORABLE."

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